GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA

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OUTSTANDING DUES OF NORTH EASTERN STATES TO PGC
SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI;TARUN GOGOI

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Power Grid Corporation have threatened to suspend power supply to the North-Eastern States in case of non-payment of the outstanding dues;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether the Union Government propose to provide any financial assistance to the cash strapped States to help them to overcome the burden of dues;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefore?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER

(SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) & (b) : The outstanding dues against transmission tariff from the constituent states of North East Region are constantly increasing. POWERGRID has been requesting the North Eastern States from time to time for clearance of their outstanding dues and have also issued notices to beneficiary constituents of the region informing that in the event of their failure to release immediate payment, POWERGRID will not have any alternative but to regulate power supply. However, POWERGRID have not actually resorted to any regulation of power supply considering the essential requirement of power supply in the region.

(c) to (e) : Due to weak financial position of the constituent states of the North Eastern region, the transmission tariff for these states has been pegged at 35 paise per kwh which is much less than the transmission tariff to be charged by the POWERGRID as per the norms applicable in the other regions.